



# THE MARCH BARKER

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## AWARDS BANQUET

**MARCH 18TH, 2009.**

**COCKTAILS 6:00 PM**

**DINNER 6:30 PM**

**DIRECTIONS** from I 405

**North Bound:** Take exit 18 [S5th str] to KIRKLAND Continue Towards Downtown, Crab Cracker is on your right Parking in back

**South Bound:** Take exit 18 to [S5th str] to KIRKLAND towards down town. Crab Cracker is on your right. Parking in back.



**Sammamish Kennel Club, Inc. is adamantly opposed to legislated castration and/or spay of companion animals without the consent of the owner**

**AS USUAL, RSVP to JAN LEIKAM,**

**waynejan1@verizon.net**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are The Sammamish Kennel Club. We all know what Sammamish means; we know what kennel means but do we know what CLUB means? Sometimes we don't seem to. I want to take us all back to that old nostalgic song M O T H E R "that means the world to me," and make us think about C L U B.

A CLUB in this context is a UNION, an ALLIANCE (not a bludgeon). If we look at CLUB in a "motherly" way we might see:

C is for COOPERATIVE (that means working kindly with others in a supportive environment so we all succeed).

L is for LIBERAL (that means being willing to accept other members ideas and methodologies though they may differ from our own).

U is for UNDERSTANDING (that means realizing that we all need help in our projects and we're truly not the ONLY ones who can do a good job even though others may do it differently from us).

B is for BIG HEARTED (that means generously **volunteering** our time and energy, accepting some of the responsibility for any CLUB failures, sharing the praise for any CLUB successes and always be willing to help and support our novice members who want to be a working/sharing part of our CLUB.

I don't expect the Sammamish Kennel CLUB to "mean the world to you" but I do expect it to mean something important to you....otherwise why did you join?

Beverly C. Little



The Meeting was called to order at 7:40PM by President Beverly Little.

Present were Beverly Little, Jan Leikam, Dee Carlson, Geri Orta, Sandee Isaacson, David Kingery, Rusty Kingery, Laura Young, Cliff Hewitt, Barbara O'Neill and Patty Anderson. Beverly requested we stand and introduce ourselves. [which we did]

The President welcomed the prospective member, Gerti, and the return of Sandee now that she is now retired and work schedules no longer a problem.

No report from the Secretary.

Treasurer Jan Leikam reported she is still trying to unravel the NSF mess from Roger's Bank and replace all the checks that were involved.

Committees:

The August Show Report was given at the Board Meeting. Jan and Dee require the list of Specialty Clubs that are going to be at the show so they can make contact for contracts and for Obedience needs.

Membership Committee: Rusty Kingery read for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Gerti Orta, and the 1<sup>st</sup> reading for Randy Brown. Gerti was then voted in as our newest member.

Unfinished Business: Laura was asked about her plans for the Lure Demo. It was decided it would be a good event on the grounds of the B Match at Marymoor. Dave Kingery volunteered to help with the project. Laura is to make a plan and come back with it next meeting.

We have applied for and received permission to hold a B O B Match on the Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, as one of our compliance requirements for this year. WWHA has Soccer fields 7 & 8, and has invited us to join them along with several Hound Specialty Clubs that are holding shows that day. We will hold all groups

except Hounds. When we are ready for BIM the Best Hound from the WWHA Match, will come to compete with the other Group winners for BIM. It was also discussed that we hold a Steward's Workshop after the Match, which would be an Educational Compliance event.

The Awards Banquet will be held March 18<sup>th</sup>, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. We will be at the Crab Cracker in Kirkland. RSVP to Jan Leikam [waynejani@verizon.com](mailto:waynejani@verizon.com). Rusty will send out a Group Mailing requesting the members to send to her, the names, titles etc for the dogs that finished last year. Patty Anderson will be again doing a slide show of the winners, so send your pictures to her, [pattyhull@aol.com](mailto:pattyhull@aol.com)

New Business: Laura questioned whether we had ever done dog PR work in the Schools. Dee reported that she and Dante, who is a Certified Service Dog, go often.

Beverly suggested that we consider selecting a Legislature Committee Chr. To monitor Dog related Bills passing through the State legislature. No action was taken at this time.

We also were reminded that we are closing in on the time to make our nominations for the Good Sportsman Award from the membership. Beverly has put the deadline for nominations March 15<sup>th</sup>, with voting at the Award's Banquet, the 18<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Rusty Kingery, for Verlynn Johns, Sec

After the meeting Jan presented a taped program. Titled: "To Be The Best." a photo journal of those activities that AKC sponsors including besides Conformation, to name a few. Field Trials, Lure Coursing, Working Terrier Trial, Agility, Obedience.

## BLOAT AND ACUPRESSURE: "IT SIMPLY WORKS"

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Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association and C.A Krowzack,VM, author

Edited by Carol Rauch

At their annual meeting in February 1998, the Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association (GLIWA) hosted a speaker on the topic of acupuncture. Dr. Debbie Mitchell gave an overview of what it is, its history, and its medical uses.

Using a member's dog, she showed the audience several acupuncture/acupressure points that they could utilize. One point was to stimulate gastrointestinal motility to combat bloat.

Recently a GLIWA member brought her wolfhound in for an examination at my clinic. During the night Quinn had begun experiencing discomfort. He sleeps in the bedroom with his owners. The husband had worked a long day and was asleep, but the wife was awakened by the dog's restless behavior. When she petted him she found his abdomen severely enlarged and hard to the touch.

She knew it was bloat, but didn't know what to do. She is a small woman, and Quinn a large dog. She remembered the acupressure point Dr. Mitchell had shown and began massaging it. Within a few minutes, Quinn began passing "a lot of gas" and his abdomen became smaller and softer. The husband and wife brought Quinn in the next morning to make sure he was all right, and because he had diarrhea.

On examination, Quinn was completely normal. He was not experiencing discomfort upon palpation, and no abnormalities beside the diarrhea could be found. Because she remembered the acupressure point, the wife had saved Quinn's life.

The acupressure point is on the hind leg. If you start at the hock, on the front of the leg (anterior) you can feel the tibia. Move your hand up the leg along the tibia's sharp crest; what in humans would be called the shin. As your hand approaches the stifle, or the "knee", the crest becomes very pronounced and then curls around to the outside (laterally). Just inside this curve is a depression. The acupressure point is in this depression. An acupuncturist might insert a needle into this spot, or inject a liquid, but, as Quinn's owners will attest, massaging also stimulates the point. The gastrointestinal tract starts to contract and move (peristalsis) and expels the built up gas before torsion can occur. If torsion has occurred, massaging the spot will not help.

I don't recommend this procedure instead of veterinary treatment, but begun early, or on the way for veterinary treatment, can save your dog's life!

Acupressure Bloat Point

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Dr. Krowzack demonstrates

## THE THINGS WE KNOW ARE BAD FOR DOGS ALL IN ONE PLACE FOR EASY REFERENCE



**Grapes and Raisins:** Healthy for you Yes? Healthy for pets? No. In dogs and cats, grapes can cause kidney failure. "We're not exactly sure why grapes pose a health hazard to pets," says Fisher, but experts suspect it has something to do with a chemical in the fruit's skin. Raisins are even more dangerous because they contain a concentrated supply of toxins. Keep this snack out of the reach of your pets.

**Bread Dough:** "I see this one a lot when people make bread, leave it to rise, and come back to find their dog has helped himself to a serving", Fisher says. What's the harm? The dog's body heat will cause the dough to expand quickly resulting in severe abdominal pain and bloating. In some cases, death can occur if enough dough is eaten.

**Chewing Gum:** A dog might be attracted to the sweet-smelling gum that your kids are chewing or that's tucked away in your bag. But the artificial sweetener, xylitol, in many types of gum and breath mints, can be deadly to pets. The sweetener can cause a low-blood sugar crisis in your pet. In fact, just one pack of gum can kill a dog.

**Macadamia Nuts:** Careful where you keep that bowl of mixed nuts. If they're on a low table that your dog can reach, your pup might get into trouble. Ingesting these nuts can cause tremors, weakness, unsteadiness, depression, a rapid heart rate, and a dangerous rise in body temperature that can lead to other complications. Though macadamia nut toxicity is very scary and dangerous, most dogs recover within a few days.

**Nicotine:** It may seem unlikely that a dog would eat cigarettes, but those nosy, little creatures will gobble them without a second thought. Nicotine is highly toxic so it doesn't take much to cause a health crisis for your pet, including seizures coma and death.

**Chocolate:** Who doesn't find chocolate irresistible? But when it comes to dogs, chocolate is one deadly treat. Caffeine-like stimulants in chocolate known as methylxanthines can produce vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst and urination, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors, seizures and even death.

**Alcohol:** This type of poisoning happens a lot after people throw a party and their dog or cat gets into a glass of alcohol sitting around or that is spilled on the floor. Sometimes children will think it's funny to give a dog some beer. And while animals may experience some of the same wobbliness and weakness that humans do after drinking, they are much more sensitive to alcohol than humans and can quickly be in life-threatening situation. Alcohol ingestion can lead to seizures, heart arrhythmia vomiting, coma and death.

**Pain Relievers:** According to Veterinary Pet Insurance [VPI], the number one insurance claim by far for poisonings in 2007 was owner-induced. In most cases, the problems were caused by pet owners giving their pets drugs intended for human use. "Sometimes when the vet's office is closed and a pet is in pain, people will administer over the counter pain relievers like ibuprofen or acetaminophen to their dogs. Never give your pets these types of drugs. One tablet of acetaminophen can kill a cat.

**Tea:** Ever had your cat poke its head into your cup of tea? It's not just annoying, it can be downright dangerous depending on the type of tea you are drinking. Caffeine in your tea is toxic to both cats and dogs. Depending on how much is consumed and the size of your pet, ingesting it can lead to vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, seizures, coma and even death.

**Onions:** You'd probably never consider giving your dog a piece of an onion, but if you toss her a piece of steak or a bit of stir fry cooked with onions, you are putting your dog in danger. Onions are toxic to dogs and cats whether they are raw or cooked. When ingested, onions can cause hemolytic anemia, a condition that destroys the red blood cells in the bloodstream. A dog with onion poisoning may become lethargic and have difficulty breathing. Generally, a large amount of onions would need to be consumed to pose a serious threat to your dog, but cats are highly sensitive to onion toxicity.



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### Shaman's Won't You Guide My Sleigh Tonight



"Kris"

Born Christmas Eve.